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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): AOTA, et al.

Serial No.: 09/828,837

Filed: April 10, 2001

For: EXTRUDED FRAME MEMBER FOR USE IN FRICTION STIR.
WELDING

Group: 1772

Examiner: C. Simone

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AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

July 17, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 17, 2003, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 14, 15, 16 and 19 without prejudice or disclaimer, and
amend the claims remaining in the application as follows:

17. (Amended) An extruded frame member according to claim 24, wherein
said at least one plate of said extruded frame member, said thickened part, and said
extended part are formed integrally as one body.

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